Biographical Sketches of Candidates for National Office
2016-2017

Benetta Cook - Benetta is a Life Member of the ASME Auxiliary. A graduate of Oklahoma State University and the University of North Texas, Benetta was Vice President of the Canaveral (FL) ASME Auxiliary Section. Since 2007, she has been active as Vice President MAL, Chair of Membership Expansion, and a reader for the FIRST scholarship competition. She is a recipient of a 2012 ASME Dedicated Service Award. Her professional background covers 27 years in the education field and 8 in retail management. She was Director of the Fashion Group, Dallas (TX) Region in 1996; President of the United Methodist Women of her church from 2004-2007; and is currently a Sunday school teacher. Benetta is secretary of the 30WALK--a non-profit organization to raise money to fight breast cancer. She is an artist, a member of the Georgia Mountain Writer's Club, and a published author. Recently she became a member of the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Georgia Auxiliary of the Sons of the American Revolution. She is the mother of 3, grandmother of 13, and great grandmother of 3.

Brownie Roe - Brownie has been exposed to the working and events of ASME for the past 40 years as she has attended many ASME events with her husband. She especially enjoyed attending the FIRST competition where her son was a participant.

Brownie has an undergraduate degree from Skidmore College in Elementary Education and a graduate degree in education from Boston University. She taught school in Massachusetts and in Greenwich, CT.

Brownie is active in two Garden Clubs, in Greenwich CT and Nantucket MA, with an interest in Horticulture. The Garden Clubs support many civic projects in their communities. In Nantucket she was chairman for the Nantucket Garden Club Scholarship Committee and is an active participant in the fundraisers that support the scholarships.

In Greenwich she chaired an outreach program for Head Start children at the Greenwich Library. She has also been active in her church on the Administrative Council and as a Sunday school teacher.

Vatsala Menon – Vatsala is currently a teacher in the St. Paul School system. For more than ten years, she has been teaching at the Webster Magnet school in St. Paul. She received her Master’s degree in education from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Prior to becoming a teacher in St. Paul, she was with the State Farm insurance company. Her work in State Farm was in Claims administration and involved interaction with both agents and clients. In addition to the work in the insurance area, she was also a teacher for more than 5 years in a multicultural school in Twin Cities. After completing her undergraduate degree, she obtained her teaching certification and was a teacher in both middle and high school programs. Besides being an avid gardener, Vatsala’s hobbies include reading and traveling.
Adaeze (Ada) Ezekoye - Ada was born in eastern Nigeria. A proud and grateful citizen of the United States, she came to the US as a teenager to attend Barnard College, Columbia University. She holds a Master of Arts degree from the New School for Social Research. Ada's extensive employment experience has been mainly in counseling and in human services. She was a college counselor and instructor for Oceaneics, a maritime study abroad program based in Bergen, Norway. She was employed at the City University of New York System, eight years of which were at Hunter College in college counseling. She was a Program Specialist and Administrator, at different times, for four of Pittsburgh's major Social Service Agencies (the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, The Parental Stress Center, and The Community Builders Inc.). She has served on several boards including Gilda's Club of Western Pennsylvania - a cancer support program for patients, family and friends, Parents Advisory Board of the Kiski School, a Western Pennsylvania Prep School attended by two of her sons, and a patron and volunteer of the Washington DC based African Women's Cancer Awareness Association. She is a past president and current historian of the Aurora Reading Club of Pittsburgh - a unique 122 year old reading and social development association. Ada has travelled extensively in North America, Africa, Europe and China and is comfortable interacting with people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, participating in community events, theatre, and dancing. Ada is married to an ASME Fellow and Life Fellow, Ike Ezekoye Ph.D. (2015 recipient of the ASME S.Y. Zamrik PVP Medal and other ASME honors and awards). They are the parents of five adult children, and are blessed with seven grandchildren.

Stella Seiders – Stella was born in Tehran, Iran and raised in many places overseas. She has a BA in Liberal Arts from Alhikma University (affiliated with Boston College), and an MBA from the University of Tulsa. She is an Enrolled Agent (EA.), registered with IRS, and has worked for H&R Block Premium for over 25 years preparing corporate and individual tax returns. She has a son and a daughter. Her husband Ed has been a member of ASME since college and they were involved with the ASME Petroleum Division. She became a member of the Auxiliary in 1997. She was the editor of the Auxiliary Pipeline for two years and Executive Vice President. She attended a number of ASME sponsored technical conferences with her husband. Stella enjoys doing volunteer work at her church.

Ed Seiders - has been a member of ASME since his student days in 1961 at Drexel University (Drexel Institute of Technology) in Philadelphia. He has a BSME from Drexel and an MBA from the University of Tulsa. He served two years in the Peace Corps in Iran (1967-1969) and after his Peace Corps service worked for 4 years for a consulting engineering firm in Tehran. He and his wife, Stella, moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1973 and, except for brief periods, have lived there to the present. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. Ed has worked for Willbros Engineers for over 35 years, and has extensive international travel as part of that position. In ASME Ed has held positions on the local Mid-Continent Section Executive Committee, has chaired the ASME Petroleum Division and the ASME Pipeline Systems Division, has been Vice President of the ASME IPTI, and has been a member of the Board of Governors (2010 to 2013). He is currently active in the organization of the International Pipeline Conference and on the Executive Committee of the Petroleum Division.

You may review the proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws on the Auxiliary's Community website located at https://community.asme.org/auxiliary_incorporated/default.aspx

The Constitution can be amended by a 2/3 vote at the Annual Meeting. The By-Laws can be amended by a 2/3 vote of the ASME Auxiliary National Board.
THE ASME AUXILIARY
NOMINEES FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR

To vote for the present candidates, simply leave the ballot blank.

Write in candidate

PRESIDENT: BENETTA COOK ___________________________
EXEC VICE-PRESIDENT: BROWNIE ROE ___________________________
RECORDING SECRETARY: VATSALA MENON ___________________________
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: ADA EZEOYE ___________________________
TREASURER: STELLA SEIDERS ___________________________
STUDENT LOAN TREASURER: ED SEIDERS ___________________________

Indicate your vote for the following with an “X”

Revised Auxiliary Constitution For________ Against _____________

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Return by May 23, 2016.

Sincerely, Ella Baldwin-Viereck, Nominating Committee Chair

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